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## SHAMEFUL

A primary election distinguish-  
ed only for its iniquity, has just  
closed. For years the people  
have been calling for clean elec-  
tions in which the voice of the  
people could be heard in the se-  
lection of their officers. The old  
fraudulent convention in which a  
few ring leaders ruled arbitrarily,  
had become unbearable. To give  
relief to the people from this con-  
dition, the State, at its own ex-  
pense, gave them the State wide  
primary in which the poorest of  
men may contest for office. Suit-  
able laws to protect the ballot  
and maintain its purity were en-  
acted. Some, indeed, have been  
on the books from time imme-  
morial. Those engaging in the  
contest were subject to those  
laws, and their entry into the  
races obligated them to respect  
and observe them. That the  
most of them failed to do so, is  
known of all men. Some few  
men did observe the laws and  
thereby became the victims of  
their own integrity.

But to the point. There were  
men engaged in that primary  
who were under a most sacred  
oath to uphold and enforce the  
law. Not only was their integrity  
as citizens on trial, but their of-  
ficial conduct as well. But where  
there is so much to blame and so  
many to be blamed, it will not be  
our purpose to single out individ-  
uals for targets.

The answer that nothing was  
done that has not always been  
done heretofore, will not suffice.  
Ample warning was given by the  
Circuit Court that it would not  
tolerate a repetition of this con-  
duct. It was given in public in-  
struction to two grand juries be-  
fore crowded houses; it was print-  
ed in the newspapers and was  
publicly posted at the court house  
door. All the candidates and  
their friends knew of the warn-  
ing. The law itself gives warn-  
ing, for all men must know the  
law and conduct themselves ac-  
cordingly. With all this warning,  
the law against bribery has been  
violated "red handed." It was  
done in open defiance of law and  
the highest court of the land.  
(We treat the question wholly  
from a general standpoint from  
this on and have no individual in  
view as the object of our remarks.)

This makes an issue that is  
fraught with the gravest danger  
to the public. The Madison Cir-  
cuit Court must punish the viola-  
tors of these laws or it must ad-  
mit its inability to do so. If it  
fails, its power to enforce law is  
broken. It is not a question of  
what the judge wants or does not  
want. It is the question, "Shall  
the Circuit Court stand a power  
for the enforcement of law, or  
shall it be brushed aside to suit  
the convenience and pleasure of  
criminals?" In the solution of  
this great question, the personali-  
ty of the court sinks into insigni-  
ficance.

The primary was given in order  
that the voice of the people may  
be heard. The only thing that  
has been accomplished by it is to  
turn the elections over to the  
floater and the dollar. Instead  
of intelligence ruling, a dollar bill  
determines the election. This  
leads to a corrupt government  
and a consequent dethronement  
of law. It will also lead to this  
condition: It makes it impossi-  
ble for HONESTY to succeed;  
for, with such stringent laws on  
the book against bribery and with  
the court threatening prosecution  
against violators of such laws,

good men will, in the first place,  
refuse to enter the primary; or if  
they do enter, they will refuse to  
violate the law against bribery,  
thereby turning the election "of  
the people, by the people, for the  
people," over to those who will  
not hesitate to use the dollar in  
debauching the ballot and who, if  
caught, would be very willing to  
perjure themselves to avoid the  
penalty of their crime.

We believe in the honesty and  
integrity of the people and believe  
that law can be made regnant.  
But in the matter of elections,  
the law has so long been defied by  
the candidates and NULLIFIED  
by the courts, which conditions  
have been generally accepted by  
the people, that these laws have  
become "dead letter statutes," in-  
capable of enforcement, unless  
and indeed, the public mind can  
be aroused to the necessity of so  
doing. This can not be done  
over night. The universality of  
their violation, which violation is  
not accompanied by a direct  
physical injury to either public or  
individual, impresses on the pub-  
lic mind a quasi immunity from  
the consequences.

Our conclusion is that this sta-  
tute must be enforced vigorously  
against all alike without fear or  
favor or it must be left severely  
alone, so that good men may  
offer for office untrammelled by  
the fear that they will become  
enmeshed in the criminal courts.  
They know in advance that un-  
scrupulous adversaries will buy  
the floater and then escape by  
the perjury route if apprehended.  
A half way course in dealing with  
this matter can not be tolerated.

There can be no such thing as  
compromising with dishonor by  
failing to prosecute. Therefore,  
the conclusion is irresistible that  
the violations of the bribery law  
must be stopped and both briber  
and the bribed severely punished.

Will the Circuit Court be as-  
sisted by the people in dealing  
with the question or will it be  
impeded and thwarted?

The people will have sixty days  
in which to think over this ques-  
tion and to determine for them-  
selves whether or not TRUE

MANHOOD shall be exalted in  
Madison county and whether or  
not HONESTY AND INTEGRITY  
shall determine our elections,  
or whether Mr. Floater and Mr.  
Dollar Bill shall continue to  
dominate and control them.

We plead for integrity and  
honesty.

On which side do you stand?

These conditions call for heroic  
treatment and the men who love  
their country and who love law  
and order should rally to the sup-  
port of the Court in any effort it  
may make to correct an evil,  
which, longer neglected, may sap  
the life blood of the nation.  
Those who engaged in violating  
the law did so with open eyes.

The Madison Circuit Court  
must make good its promises.  
Otherwise, it has made conditions  
worse.

## THE TICKET

The ticket nominated last Sat-  
urday is a strong one. It gives  
general satisfaction. The defeat-  
ed candidates take their licking  
good naturedly and are out for the  
nominees. We predict the elec-  
tion of the entire ticket by hand-  
some majorities.

If there is any soreness it should  
be healed. An election is a free  
for all, a give and take, a catch  
as you catch can, game. In some  
instances we preferred the nomi-  
nations of others, but we accept  
the result.

We do not know what will be  
the outcome of the investigation  
by the grand jury, but, "Sufficient  
until the day is the evil thereof."  
Should this investigation reveal  
fraud and corruption on the part  
of any candidate to secure his  
nomination, the Madisonian will  
then fully express itself as the  
facts are made here. In the mean-  
time, we are for the ticket.

## PULASKI

The fate of Pulaski County in

its efforts to obtain a vote under  
the County Unit law should be a  
warning to all other counties.  
Three times the dry petitions  
have been turned down on techni-  
calities. Meanwhile the wets are  
busy all over the State electing  
wet men to the Legislature with  
a view to repealing the unit law.  
While the Kentucky dries "fit  
bled and died" for the passage of  
this bill, be it said to their eternal  
shame that they have failed utterly  
to make any genuine effort to  
reap the advantages of the bill by  
taking a vote under its provisions.

There are too many wet "pro-  
hibs"—too many who are furious  
in expression yet very lamb-like  
in performance. Madison county  
is to all appearances a dry county.  
Will you make it so in reality?  
When Madison gets sobered up  
from the recent political debauch,  
probably it will get a move on it-  
self "to better works."

The political thermometer broke  
the record last week, getting high-  
er than ever known in Madison.  
The storm following this high tem-  
perature, broke Saturday at 4 P.M.

The Cynthia Democrat says  
one advantage in driving an auto-  
mobile is, you don't have to reach  
over the dashboard and lift its  
tail to get the lines out.

A Florida editor heads his mar-  
riages, births and deaths column  
"Bells, Yells and Knells."

## McCreary's Portrait

A portrait of Gov. McCreary  
will adorn the walls of the marble  
Temple of Peace at Washington.  
Mr. McCreary has been asked by  
Secretary of State Bryan to send  
his portrait to be hung in the  
Temple. Gov. McCreary, then  
Senator, was author of the bill  
providing for the Pan-American  
Conference, and was a member  
of the Pan-American Commission.  
When Andrew Carnegie offered  
to donate \$750,000 toward the  
million-dollar temple if the twen-  
ty-one republics represented  
would raise the other \$250,000,  
Gov. McCreary assisted in the  
enterprise, and his portrait, with  
others who did pioneer work in  
the Pan-American movement,  
will be assembled in the building,  
which is headquarters of the Bu-  
reau of American Republics and  
a place of welcome for the citi-  
zens of the American republics.  
in Washington. The Governor  
notified Secretary Bryan that he  
will send the portrait, and has  
written to a New York photogra-  
pher for one he had taken there  
recently.

## Prominent Farmers Narrowly Escape Death

Mr. Chas. Clark, of near North  
Middletown, narrowly escaped be-  
ing gored to death by an infuriated  
steer early Thursday morning. Mr.  
Clark was standing near the steer  
when it ran into a barbed wire  
fence and cut a deep gash in its  
shoulder. The sight and smell of  
blood maddened the animal and  
he turned and charged furiously  
on Mr. Clark. The steer's horns  
were unusually long and sharp.  
Mr. Clark seeing the animal al-  
most upon him fell prone on the  
ground. The steer charged over  
the body of Mr. Clark, and the  
only injury he received was a  
bruised hand the steer stepped on  
in rushing over him.—Paris Demo-  
crat.

## Kentucky Belle Weds

Miss Mary Franklin, daughter  
of former Commonwealth's At-  
torney Robert B. Franklin, distin-  
guished as the prosecutor of  
the assassins of Governor Wil-  
liam Goebel, was married last  
Wednesday to Quarles Thomp-  
son, of Frankfort. The ceremony  
was performed at the residence  
of Mr. Franklin. The couple  
left for a honeymoon at the lake  
resorts.—Ex.

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## Berea Fair

The Twenty-Sixth Annual Fair  
at Berea was held on last Wednes-  
day, Thursday and Friday. It  
was well attended. The rings  
were unusually good. It was our  
good fortune to be present on the  
last day and mingle with the good  
people of that section of the coun-  
ty and adjoining counties. Candi-  
dates were as thick as summer  
fleas and came from three coun-  
ties. The cordial welcome given  
by those in charge of the fair will  
be long remembered and we en-  
joyed our outing very much. It  
was a great pleasure to us to re-  
new our acquaintances with the  
citizens.

Our fellow townsman, J. R. Mc-  
Kinney, was a very successful ex-  
hibitor. His entry, a young colt,  
won three premiums worth \$120.00.

Mr. J. B. White, of this city, al-  
so lucky. His celebrated mare,  
Mosywaupin, driven by Mr. James  
Potts, won the free for all in three  
straight heats. His mare, Miss  
Douglas, won the trotting race in  
three straight heats.

Robert Doty, near this city, took  
the blue ribbon with his stallion  
and won \$55.00.

Edgar Doty was very success-  
ful with his entries.

Chas. Dunn with his chestnut  
mare, a full sister to Hazel Dawn  
who won the \$1000.00 stake at  
Mt. Sterling last week, carried off  
five blue ribbons in five entries.  
She is a beautiful animal.

## Jupiter Pluvius

A generous rain extending over  
Madison County, fell Friday after-  
noon. It was of incalculable bene-  
fit to the farmer. Crops were be-  
ing seriously injured by the con-  
tinued hot, dry weather and un-  
doubtedly would have been cut  
shorter than an average crop in a  
few more days. The splendid  
rain has arrested all this and has  
changed gloomy faces into smiling  
ones.

We are not farmers and do not  
know how near our estimate is to  
the true facts, but we predict that  
it was equal to an average value  
of one dollar per acre for Madison  
county. As Madison has an area  
of 250,000 acres which is a reason-  
ably conservative estimate, it fol-  
lows that we enjoyed a shower of  
250,000 golden dollars, a sum that  
staggeres the comprehension.

Did you think of it in this light?  
How do you estimate it, Brother  
Farmer?

## Pellagra Is Spreading

Pellagra, the dreadful malady  
for which physicians have been  
unable to find any remedy, is not  
limited to the mountains of Ken-  
tucky. According to statistics  
given out by the United States  
Public Health service the disease  
is becoming prevalent in Texas,  
Oklahoma and Arkansas. Repre-  
sentative Johnson of South Caro-  
lina has introduced a bill into Con-  
gress for a large appropriation  
for the erection of a hospital at  
Spartanburg, S. C. in order that  
a thorough study of the disease  
may be made in that state.—Ex.

## Prewitt Browne Killed

Prewitt Browne, young son of  
Dr. and Mrs. M. S. Browne, of  
Winchester, was killed while play-  
ing baseball at Oxford, Miss.  
Mr. Browne is survived by a half-  
brother, Dr. Isaac H. Browne, and  
a half sister, Mrs. J. W. Chambers.  
Mrs. Browne was with her son  
at Oxford, who has been engaged  
in farming there for the last year,  
but his father was in Winchester  
and received the telegram an-  
nouncing his untimely death.

## Model School

The Model School and Eastern  
Preparatory School of Eastern  
Kentucky State Normal School  
opens September 8. Books are  
now open at the President's  
office for enrollment. Only a lim-  
ited number of pupils can be ac-  
commodated. First come, first  
served. Write or telephone at  
once.

J. G. Crabbe,  
President.

## Will Pay Tribute to Dr. Rout

The plans have been accepted,  
and work begun on the founda-  
tion for the erection of an addi-  
tion to the Presbyterian Church,  
in Versailles, which will cost  
\$6,000. In the changes the lec-  
ture room will be enlarged and  
made more attractive, and a pas-  
tor's study, ladies' parlor, kitchen  
and toilet rooms will be added to  
the first floor. Upstairs there  
will be ten class rooms opening  
on a balcony. The remodeled  
Sunday School addition will be  
called the Rout Memorial in hon-  
or of the venerable Dr. Gelon H.  
Rout, who has labored for more  
than half a century for the church  
at Versailles. The rooms in the  
primary department will be espe-  
cially dedicated to the memory of  
Miss Cornelia Rout.—Paris Citi-  
zen.

Dr. Rout is one of the oldest  
and most prominent ministers in  
the Presbyterian Church, and the  
Rout Memorial is a fitting tribute  
to his beautiful, consecrated life,  
and that of his daughter.

## Fight

John Major Johnson and William  
Tisdale of near Berea had a little  
mix up last Thursday near Silver  
Creek bridge which resulted in  
Johnson getting cut in the arm  
and abdomen but fortunately  
neither cut was serious. Too  
much bug juice was the cause.

## Dies Suddenly

Walter B. Nichols, aged 57, a  
former newspaper man and one  
of the proprietors of a large print-  
ing establishment in Lexington,  
died suddenly in his office Tues-  
day afternoon from heart failure,  
which is believed to have been  
superinduced by an acute attack  
of indigestion.

He lived at one time in Danville  
and also at Winchester and was  
connected with the Sun of that  
place.

## Postmaster King

The President has sent to the  
Senate the name of S. F. King  
who was recently nominated at  
Winchester for the office of Post-  
master of that place. There is no  
opposition to his confirmation.

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